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DOD Will Resubmit Request For FDL Ship Appropriation

Department of Defense plans to submit to Congress next year another request for funds to build a Fast Deployment Logistics ship (FDL) for the Navy.

Congress turned down a request in this year's budget to build the 848-foot ship.

Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara said the Navy and Defense Department officials have picked a design proposed by Litton Systems, Inc.

DOD believes the FDL ships can "most efficiently and economically satisfy the continued requirement for specialized military sealift for rapid deployment and rapid reinforcement of Army forces."

The design calls for a 40,000-ton ship capable of steaming 8,000 miles non-stop, with a top speed of 24 knots.

The FDL's length and 28-foot draft would allow it to use most of the world's major ports and the Panama Canal.

It would carry amphibious craft and large helicopters and be capable of rapidly off-loading 10,000 tons of cargo without using cargo handling facilities in port.

If Congress authorizes the FDL, the Navy says it will award the construction contract to Litton Systems if negotiations are satisfactory.

President Lauds Military Bond Sales

President Johnson has lauded military personnel for buying $90 million worth of U.S. Savings Bonds in the first quarter of this year at a recent White House ceremony.

"Almost 80 percent of all the people employed by the Federal Government bought bonds," the Chief Executive said elaborating, "This is a better record than at any time since World War II."

Mr. Johnson made these and other remarks to mark the success of this year's Savings Bond drive which set a 21-year record of bond sales.

In DOD, Defense Supply Agency and National Security Agency were among the 15 agencies that reached the 90 percent participation level.

Among the uniformed services, Army led with 84.5 percent of its military personnel buying bonds.

WEAPON DEMONSTRATION—Gen. Kae Won Kim, (left) Chief of Staff, Korean Army, and Brig. Gen. James F. Hollingsworth, deputy CG, U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., are briefed on submachinegun characteristics by Stephen A. Doilney, chief, small arms and aircraft weapons branch, Development and Proof Services. The weapon was one of many items shown Gen. Kim on his briefing and orientation tour.

Additional F-111 Testing Scheduled at Nellis AFB

Additional F-111 supersonic aircraft are scheduled for delivery to Nellis AFB, Nev., in August and September for use by the 4520th Combat Crew Training Wing. The first F-111 was assigned July 17.

Less than 10 of the additional aircraft will come from Edwards AFB, Calif. Others will be delivered as they are produced.

The first F-111s for operational use will be assigned to the 4480th Tactical Fighter Wing, also at Nellis. The wing is being activated this summer.

In the first quarter of FY1968, current F-105 combat crew training activities conducted by the 4520th will transfer to McConnell AFB, Kans., where there is now similar training.

The Department of Defense said the changes are being taken to increase F-105 training effectiveness and to accommodate a consolidated F-111 testing and combat crew training mission at Nellis AFB.

Washington Memos

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF Air Force Logistics Command who have served in Vietnam will receive lapel emblem for service. AFLC is first Air Force organization to grant special recognition to civilians for such service and will award 800 emblems to employees who have returned after 30 or more days in Vietnam.

NATO FLEET EXERCISE "Lash Out" began July 27 in Western Atlantic. Scheduled to continue through Aug. 2, exercise is being conducted by VAdm. Charles K. Duncan, Commander, Striking Force Atlantic, and directed by Adm. Ephraim P. Holmes, Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic. Exercise involves 41 U.S. ships, aircraft from U.S. and Britain, and more than 15,000 men.

NEWPORT TERMINAL, sister facility to Saigon military port, has been turned over to 1st Logistical Command. A $50 million facility, terminal was first used on limited basis in October 1966, and now has four deep draft berths with cargo handling capability of 150,000 tons per month.

AIR FORCE MAJ. GEN. Jack N. Donohew has been appointed commandant of Air University's Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala. Currently Director, Inter-American Defense College, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C., Gen. Donohew will also serve as Vice Commander, Air University.

MORE THAN 100 Coast Guard Academy cadets are currently on annual summer cruise aboard cutter Mackinaw. Cadets will visit Grand Haven, Mich., and Montreal, Canada, during cruise. While at Grand Haven, they will take part in annual Coast Guard Festival, celebrating 177th birthday of service.

NAVY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT has provided 23 hospital corpsmen to assist the Public Health Service in quarantine inspection at U.S. ports of entry. Assistance is result of request from Health Service for help in checking cargo from Vietnam for plague-carrying rats.

RADM. ELLIOTT BLOXOM has been named Military Traffic Management and Terminal Service's Deputy Commander for Operations. Adm. Bloxom reported to MTMTS from Hawaii where he served as Commander, Naval Supply Center, Pearl Harbor.

TEMPORARY LIEUTENANT colonel board convenes July 31 at USAF Military Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Tex., to consider 793 eligible majors from the secondary zone. Not more than 25 percent will be nominated for further consideration for promotion to the temporary grade of lieutenant colonel by a central board to convene Sept. 20.

NAVY CAPT. BRUCE Smith has taken command of Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, succeeding Army Maj. Gen. Joe M. Blumberg. Capt. Smith is second naval officer to head the institute since it was founded in 1862. Gen. Blumberg moved to office of the Surgeon General of the Army, where he is CG, Army Medical Research and Development Command.

NAVY RADM. PAUL E. Seufer, CEC, has been named Deputy Commander for Planning, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Washington, D.C. Adm. Seufer will be responsible for Navy Military Construction programming and budgeting and will direct efforts of planning units in Command. He formerly directed civilian contractor construction program in Vietnam.

FIVE FOREIGN OFFICERS from Thailand and Afghanistan have completed Observer Training Program at Brooke General Hospital. Classes, under military assistance program, are designed to offer foreign medical personnel opportunities to observe U.S. military hospital procedures in their particular specialties.

AIR FORCE ACTIVITIES in Vietnam are heavily featured in films being released to local base film libraries in August. Installations without film library service may order direct from the Air Force Film Library Center, 8900 S. Broadway, St. Louis, Mo. 63125.

ARMY AVIATION MATERIEL Command has awarded four contracts totaling $22.2 million to Bell Helicopter Co., Ft. Worth, Tex. Contracts provide for production and delivery of rotary wing blades required in support of Army's UH-1 Iroquois helicopter program.

PILOTS FROM AIRCRAFT carrier Oriskany's Air Wing 16 swung into action over North Vietnam in late July, marking the carrier's first appearance in the Tonkin Gulf since a fire aboard her last October killed 42 sailors.

AIR FORCE SYSTEMS Command presented ninth Craftsmanship Award to Aerospace Systems Division of Radio Corporation of America (RCA), Burlington, Mass. Award is highest of three honors presented to defense contractors under Air Force's Industrial Zero Defects Program.

COAST GUARD Women's Reserves — Spars — will commemorate their Silver Anniversary this November.

PERSONNEL TRANSFERRING TO Otis AFB, Mass., are reminded that until Sept. 5 family on-base temporary and permanent housing is not available. Officials report that civilian housing in the local area is essentially non-existent due to the heavy summer tourist influx. Motel accommodations are priced at the tourist season rate.

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Navy Names Nuclear Carrier For Fleet Admiral Nimitz

The Navy has announced it will name its second nuclear-powered aircraft carrier in honor of Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz.

The 91,000-ton ship will be the first aircraft carrier to bear the name of a Navy man.

Admiral Nimitz, who died in February 1966, took command of the Pacific Fleet 10 days after the outbreak of World War II. Under his strategy and leadership, U.S. units stopped the Japanese advance during the critical days after the attack on Pearl Harbor with decisive battles in the Coral Sea and near Midway Island.

At the war's end he represented the United States at the surrender ceremony aboard the battleship Missouri in Tokyo Bay.

Unlike the USS Enterprise, which has eight nuclear reactors, the USS Nimitz will be powered by two reactors of an improved design. It will also be equipped with the Naval Tactical Data system, Automatic Carrier Landing system and an Integrated Operational Intelligence Center.

Lt. Col. A. R. Howarth Named 1966 MacKay Trophy Winner

Lt. Col. Albert R. Howarth has been selected to receive the MacKay Trophy for 1966 for his "exemplary courage and airmanship as a pilot of a disabled A-26A aircraft on a combat mission" in Southeast Asia.

Col. Howarth is commander of Tactical Air Command's 603rd Air Commando Sq., England AFB, La. In Southeast Asia he was commander of Det. 1 of the 603rd, flying 102 missions for 483 combat hours as an A-26 pilot.

The MacKay Trophy is awarded by the Air Force Chief of Staff "for the most meritorious flight of the year." No date has been set for the presentation to Col. Howarth.

With one engine in flames and an explosion imminent, Col. Howarth ordered evacuation of his crew of two navigators. The first navigator ejected successfully, but the second navigator became entangled in the seat belt mechanism.

The citation, signed by Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. John P. McConnell, reads: "Despite the critical situation and diminishing chances of his own survival, Colonel Howarth, while maintaining firm control of the aircraft, physically assisted the remaining navigator in getting disentangled and only after insuring his safe egression, did he parachute to safety."

The trophy can be awarded to an individual or unit.

COMPARING GUNNERY SYSTEMS — Gen. John D. Ryan, Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Air Force, is briefed by Lt. Col. Gerard F. Wientjes on two versions of the 7.62mm minigun at Nha Trang Air Base in Vietnam. Col. Wientjes, Commander, 4th Air Commando Squadron, pointed out that the main improvements in the new guns are smaller size and faster electrical loading of the ammunition pod. The guns are used in the AC-47 "Dragonships" flown by the squadron.

Army Conducts Systems Improvement At White Sands Missile Range

The Army is transforming a relatively archaic and make-shift collection of missile flight data instrumentation into an integrated, modern and reliable system at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

The program, started in FY65, will keep the range instrumentation systems abreast of the increased requirements of the Nation's missile systems. Emphasis has been on improved measurement precision, greater geographic coverage, faster data reduction and improved reliability. Mobility of instruments has been incorporated whenever possible.

Because of this face-lifting the range has been able to safely support off-range launches (impacting on White Sands) from sites as far as 500 miles. Precise flight data is now available at altitudes and distances far greater than previously possible.

Through this range improvement program, the Army will continue to provide efficient, reliable and accurate support to all users of the range. Currently there are 145 test programs being supported at White Sands. Testers are the Army, Navy, Air Force, NASA, Defense Atomic Support Agency and the Atomic Energy Commission.

MTMTS, Airlines Reach Agreement on Delivery Of Servicemen's Baggage

Agreement has been reached between the Military Traffic Management and Terminal Service (MTMTS) and 31 airlines to speed delivery of unaccompanied military baggage to servicemen.

Baggage will be flown as air freight to domestic and overseas points, reducing the time required for a serviceman's extra personal baggage to reach him at a new assignment.

Airlines will receive unaccompanied baggage at the airport nearest the origin of shipment and fly it to a connecting international airline for shipment to the overseas destination.

In the U.S. it will be flown to the airport nearest the serviceman's duty station.

Talbott Trophy Presented To Oklahoma City AF Unit

The Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area (OCAMA) Directorate of Procurement and Production has been awarded the Talbott Trophy, highest award for procurement management efficiency in the Air Force.

Gen. Kenneth B. Hobson, Air Force Logistics Command Commander, presented the trophy to Maj. Gen. Melvin F. McNickle, OCAMA Commander.

The citation accompanying the award, signed by Lt. Gen. T. P. Gerrity, Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff for Systems and Logistics, said OCAMA Directorate of Procurement and Production "distinguished itself by meritorious achievement in procurement career training and recruiting, pre-planning, contract placement and management efficiency" from April 1, 1966 through March 31, 1967.

The Talbott Trophy was established in 1953 by Harold E. Talbott, former Secretary of the Air Force, in memory of his brother, Brig. Gen. Nelson S. Talbott, USAF.

VIEW FROM A FAMILIAR BRIDGE —RAdm. C. A. Karaberis, (left) Commander Fleet Air San Diego, watches flight operations from the bridge of the USS Kearsarge with the carrier's commanding officer, Capt. Ben C. Tate. Adm. Karaberis brought his flag aboard as Senior Observer for the Kearsarge's operational readiness inspection prior to returning to Vietnam waters. It was also a homecoming since the admiral served aboard the ship as Commander Carrier Division 15 in 1963.

Army Lt. Col. Selection Boards Meet in August

Regular Army majors with date of rank on or before June 30, 1962 will be considered for permanent promotion to lieutenant colonel by selection boards scheduled to convene in mid-August.

Department of the Army Message 823749, July 17, 1967 indicates that all Regular Army majors within the June 30, 1962 cutoff date will be considered.

All combat branch officers, Chaplain and Women's Army Corps lists must be submitted to the selection board by Aug. 15. The deadline for Army Medical Service Lists is Aug. 21.

The Army message said no zone circular would be published relating to these selections.

Survey Shows Servicemen Still Lacking Form 1580 For Reduced Air Fares

A number of military personnel traveling from three West Coast Air Terminals are not receiving standby travel status because they have not completed DD Form 1580.

A recent Army survey of military traffic at San Francisco International, Army Personnel Center, Oakland, and the Seattle-Tacoma Airport found more than 7,000 military members trying for space without the Military Standby Authorization for Commercial Air Travel.

Of this number nearly 1,500 were Vietnam returnees of all branches of the service.

Army has asked all its commanders to take appropriate action to insure all personnel are properly briefed on requirements for DD Form 1580 and are provided with necessary authenticated forms prior to commencement of travel.

Army Redstone Missile Fired in Australia

The Army Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., has announced the firing of a modified Redstone missile down the Woomera Test Range in Australia.

At the top of its trajectory, the re-entry vehicle was hurled back into the earth's atmosphere at intercontinental ballistic missile re-entry velocity. The payload was observed by various range radars and other sensors.

It was the fourth of several planned launches which are part of Project Sparta, a cooperative program of the U.S., Great Britain and Australia.

The program is part of Project Defender, a study of ballistic missile defense concepts sponsored by the Advanced Research Projects Agency of the Department of Defense.

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